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I have seen document CD/1427 dated August 22, 1996 circulated by the Secretariat.

I note that this document transmits a text on which no consensus had been achieved in the Ad hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban. It had also been agreed in the Ad hoc Committee that there was no consensus on transmitting this particular text to the Conference on Disarmament. The submission of this document to the Conference and its circulation as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament through a procedural manoeuvre cannot in any way confer this text with an enhanced status or bypass the decisions already taken by the Ad hoc Committee and endorsed by the CD, regarding the non-consensual nature of this text.

I request that my letter may kindly be circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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